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SUBJ: US-GOJ CONSULTATIONS ON MIDEAST AND AFRICA

REF: TOKYO 16407 (DEC 17, 1974)

1. GOJ (MURATA) PROPOSES THAT CONSULTATIONS ON MIDEAST AND AFRICA BE HELD SOMETIME BETWEEN APRIL 28 AND MAY 9. PERIOD COINCIDES WITH "GOLDEN WEEK" HOLIDAYS HEN DIET IS IN DEFACTO RECESS, AND WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FROM JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW.

2. JAPANESE SIDE WILL CONSIST OF MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL TERUHIKO NAKAMURA, AFRICA DIVISION DIRECTOR YASUSHI KUROKOCHI, ONE OTHER FROM MIDDLE EASTERN DIVISION, POSSIBLY TAIZO WATANABE, AND ONE OR TWO OFFICERS FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

3. AS FAR AS AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF SESSION CONCERNED, MURATA PREFERRED TO HEAR US IDEAS FIRST. INFORMALLY, HE SAID GOJ THINKS TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS, ONE ON MIDEAST, THE OTHER ON AFRICA, WOULD BE ADEQUATE. SHOULD DISCUSSIONS REQUIRE MORE TIME, NAKAMURA COULD STAY ANOTHER DAY. HIS OWN IDEAS FOR TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED
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INCLUDED ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT (WITH PLS RELATIONS

UNDER THAT HEADING); JAPANESE MOVES TO DEVELOP BILATERAL ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS; AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AREA. AFRICAN TOPICS MIGHT INCLUDE RHODESIA, S.AFRICA, AND NAMIBIA; JAPAN'S "RESOURCE DIPLOMACY", AND POSSIBLY THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA. IN CLOSING, MURATA STRESSED DESIRE TO HEAR US VIEWS FIRST ON ORGANIZATION AND AGENDA. HODGSON

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